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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MANLEY

1. THE SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER MANLEY MET MARCH 13 FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES OF DISCUSSION ON MANLEY'S PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO THE BAUXITE AND ALUMINA INDUSTRY IN JAMAICA. THEY TALKED ALONE FOR ALL BUT THE FINAL FIVE MINUTES OF THIS SESSION. WHEN THE ADVISORS JOINED THE TWO PRINCIPALS THE SECRETARY MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN SUMMARIZING THEIR CONVERSATION:

2. (A) WE ARE IN BASIC SYMPATHY WITH THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION; (B) WE WILL NOT INEVITABLY ACCEPT WHATEVER POSITION THE COMPANIES ADOPT AND WILL LOOK CAREFULLY IN A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AT THE JAMAICAN POSITION; (C) THE BAUXITE-ALUMINA PROBLEM SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN THE TOTAL CONTEXT OF U.S.-JAMAICAN RELATIONS; AND (D) THE SECRETARY AND MANLEY WILL STAY IN TOUCH. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT HIS STAFF WOULD MAKE AN INDEPENDENT, DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM.

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3. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING THE SECRETARY REMARKED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT HAVE HAD REPORTS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WAS DISPLEASED WITH DUDLEY THOMPSON'S PERFORMANCE AT THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT ON THE CONTRARY HE HAD FOUND THOMPSON CHARMING

AND INTERESTING, ADDING QUOTE AT LEAST I ALWAYS KNEW WHERE HE STOOD UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY OTTAWA MAY USE FOREGOING TO BRIEF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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